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FOLLOWING REPEATS TEHRAN 2642 ACTION DEPT INFO DIA SECDEF  
USCINCEUR CINCUSNAVEUR COMIDEASTFOR KHARTOUM MARCH 20TH

QUOTE

S E C R E T TEHRAN 2642

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IR, SU

SUBJ: TRANSFER OF IRANIAN PATROL BOATS TO SUDAN

REF: TEHRAN 2375

1. AFTER RECEIVING INFORMATION WHICH LED US TO BELIEVE  
THAT IRANIANS HAD, IN FACT, TRANSFERRED PATROL BOATS TO  
SUDAN, CHIEF, ARMISH/MAAG, MARCH 19 RAISED MATTER WITH  
GENERAL AZHARI, CHIEF, SUPREME COMMANDER'S STAFF (SCS),  
AND ADMIRAL ATTAIE, COMMANDER, IIN. THESE OFFICERS MADE  
FURTHER INQUIRIES AND ESTABLISHED THAT 4 IRANIAN 40-FOOT,  
ALUMINUM PBR CRAFT, MANUFACTURED IN U.S., HAD BEEN  
TRANSFERRED TO SUDAN WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING REQUISITE

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USG AUTHORIZATION. BOTH OFFICERS WERE VERY APOLOGETIC

AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY HAD BEEN COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH USG REGULATIONS. THEY ATTRIBUTED FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THOSE REGULATIONS TO BUREAUCRATIC FOUL UP. IIN ASSUMED THAT SCS HAD OBTAINED AUTHORIZATION AND SCS THOUGHT THAT NAVY HAD ACCOMPLISHED APPROPRIATE CONTACTS WITH USG. BOTH AZHARI AND ATTAIE OFFERED TO DO WHATEVER USG REQUIRED TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION.

2. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER 4 BOATS IN QUESTION WERE PROVIDED VIA MAP OR FMS PROGRAM. WE BELIEVE THEY WERE PURCHASED BY IIN. IN ANY EVENT, U.S. NAVAL OFFICERS FAMILIAR WITH BOATS SAY THEY WERE FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS OLD AND IN VERY POOR CONDITION. WE ARE SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO IDENTIFY AND ORIGINS OF BOATS AND WILL REPORT.

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